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become effective at 12:01 a.m.
on Saturday, February 1.

Second, beginning in March a completely new number will be issued to about 50 members each month until all have a new five-digit personal code for use in opening the gates. Those members who also use a transmitter to open the gates can continue to do so without any change. Later this spring they will be asked to bring their transmitters to the gate for a new battery and a modification of each transmitter.

Also in preparation for the February 1 changeover to five-digit codes, each business needing access to Surf Pines will be issued a new code num-

ber. If a business serving you does not have a code number, suggest that they apply for one or give them the visitor code for the current month that is always printed on your quarterly dues statement. Please do not give them your personal gate code.

We are working hard to reduce the access to Surf Pines by persons who have no reason to be in the neighborhood. When members move away their codes will be cancelled. Businesses will be issued new codes annually and only those firms with continuing need for access will receive them. Without your assistance these efforts will be less than successful. Use the monthly visitor code for all your visitors and

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anyone who needs occasional access to your home.

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Website Woes

Languishing in neglect since Tom Smith moved away, the Surf Pines website could use some attention. Tom was the reigning webmaster who tended the site with loving care and put all kinds of useful information out for anyone interested to see. He even reported on rainfall statistics, which may soon become a topic of concern. If any member is knowledgeable about websites and has the equipment, time and interest to take it over, please contact a board member or Bill Barrons to offer your services.

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for all members



Surf Pines Celebrates

The festive season has drawn to a close as you read this newsletter. The Board of Directors extends to all members its warm wishes for good health and success in the year ahead. We hope that your holidays were merry and that the coming months will be peaceful and satisfying.

The annual holiday party was again held at the Allegaert home and, as the photos attest, it was a sparkling affair. This year, despite some impressive winds and heavy rain, the power stayed on, no doubt in answer to the community relations committee's prayers. Some 35 people attended.

The committee supplied a sumptuous array of food and drink, all heartily appreciated. Many attendees also brought contributions of hors d'oeuvres, dessert and wine. With such stimulus, good cheer and lively conversation prevailed. A number of new members took the opportunity to become acquainted with other Surf Piners. (See pictures, page 3.)

Watch for announcements of future social events in the Breeze and on the gate house notice board. If you have suggestions to offer, contact Bonnie Groshong or Norma Keever, co-chairs of the committee.

Gate Changes

Work on the gates has been finished and for the past several months, as residents may have noticed, the gates have operated with few problems. The security committee is completing plans for issuing new five-digit gate codes to all members who currently have codes and to all businesses. This will be done in two stages:

First, members should watch for a letter in late January informing them of a modification of their current personal code number that will

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Association News

Annual Meeting

The year has just begun; the annual meeting is months away. Why mention it now? Ah, but now our 2003 calendars are almost pristinely empty, like fresh snow on a peaceful landscape, hardly a deer track to be seen. Now is the time to turn to Saturday, August 9, in your new diary and mark it to reserve that morning for the annual gathering of Surf Pines Association members. This year, the meeting will start at 9 a.m. at the Astoria Country Club. Please note the change of time.

A number of people have complained about the noise level at the club which makes it hard to focus on meeting business. Other possible venues were explored but were not available. So the time of the meeting has been advanced an hour in the hope that business will be concluded by the time the morning golfers return from the links to celebrate their victories or drown their sorrows.

**Love your PC?
Like Surf Pines?
Surf Pines needs
a webmaster.**

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Road Damage

The roads and grounds committee has recently checked out some damage to Ocean Drive occasioned by removal of trees from the new subdivision on the east side south of Horizon. The committee believes that the damage was excessive and has billed the owner for the estimated cost of repairs. A letter that goes to all owners prior to construction of a new home has been revised to add information about their responsibility for repair of roads when excessive damage occurs.

"Good Fences Make Good Neighbors" (?)

A letter has been received from the developers of Pinehurst Estates, immediately south of Surf Pines, informing us that more fencing will be installed to prevent individuals from walking from one neighborhood to the other. We have suggested that a pedestrian gate be installed instead but have been rebuffed on several occasions. As the poet Robert Frost noted in his memorable poem, "Mending Wall", he kept trying to no avail to

change his neighbor's attitude. The inevitable reply is a familiar refrain. One day perhaps a pedestrian gate may become a reality. Meantime, we ask you once again not to skirt the fencing that has been installed to isolate the Pinehurst area.

Beach Paths

The association currently maintains four pedestrian paths to the beach for use by members and their guests. Each is marked by the words, "To the Beach" on a vertical wood post. Please help us keep the paths free of debris by not dropping any and if you see some along your way, please do pick it up and dispose of it properly. Remember that the paths pass close to the homes of other members and try not to disturb them as you pass.

The beach path that starts at the foot of High Surf does not in fact belong to Surf Pines, but the Seppas generously allow members to use it. As with all the other accesses, please have proper regard for its condition.

Another reminder: no motor vehicles are permitted on the foredune.

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